Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment
Cambria Flood Control Project
Federal Emergency Management Agency

The County of San Luis Obispo (County) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (through the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services) for assistance with a flood control project. FEMA is proposing to fund the project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), as part of the recovery from the flooding that occurred in 1995. The County has identified the need to reduce the flood hazard caused by Santa Rosa Creek in Cambria's West Village. The project would include constructing a bypass channel to connect an existing overflow basin to Santa Rosa Creek, constructing a concrete bridge for Highway 1 where the bypass channel would pass under it, constructing an earthen berm along the northern edge of the overflow basin, and plugging a culvert under Cambria Road that drains water from the overflow basin to Main Street.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and FEMA's implementing regulations. The DEA, which evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed project, is available for public review and comment. The DEA is available on-line at http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm. A copy of the DEA may also be viewed at the following locations:

> Cambria Library, 900 Main Street, Cambria

> San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo

To request a copy of the document or to provide comments regarding the DEA, please direct queries to the following address: Environmental Officer, FEMA Region IX, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607. For more information, contact FEMA's Region IX Environmental Officer at (510) 627-7027.

Comments on the DEA must be received by March 15, 2005. Until that date, FEMA will take no further action regarding the proposed project.